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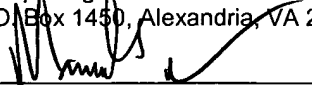
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on September 16, 2004 be extended for one month, to and including January 16, 2005.

Enclosed is a check for \$60.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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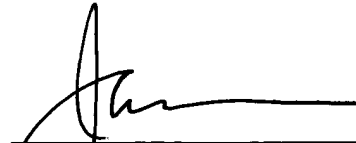
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